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New Pernik-Voluyak Rail Line

1. In order to double the rail capacities to the south (Sofia to Gyueshevo, N 42-14, E 22-28; Kulata, N 42-23, E 23-22; and Petrich, N 41-24, E 23-13) which are at present insufficient, especially for transporting coal from the Pernik Mines (N 42-36, E 23-03) to Sofia, the Bulgarians are constructing a new rail line. The new route will join the old Macedonian railroad at Batanovtsi (N 42-37, E 22-57), seven kilometers from Pernik, which junctures to the north with the Sofia-Dragoman (N 42-56, E 22-56) line near Voluyak (N 42-47, E 23-14).
2. Leaving Voluyak, this line goes upstream along the Belitsa River almost to its source and comes down along the Mesta River to Batanovtsi where it rejoins the Macedonian line.
3. There are three tunnels along this route, as follows:
 - a. On the spur of a hill near the Kharakovo (N 42-47, E 23-07) - Khrabursko (N 42-48, E 23-03) road;
 - b. On the spur of another hill farther south, not far from Zlafusha (N 42-46, E 23-03); and
 - c. The most important tunnel in Bulgaria, 1,400 meters long, near a hill 1,053 meters high, in a direct line with the confluence of the two rivers.

Kırilo-Moshino High Tension Line

4. A new thermoelectric central has been constructed north of the main railroad station of Sofia. All the electric energy furnished by the Kırilo station, the most important power plant in Bulgaria, is sent to Pernik via a high tension line which has been built from Kırilo (N 42-50, E 23-19) to Moshino village (N 42-36, E 23-05), northeast of Pernik.

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5. This line extends in an almost straight line past the villages of Kumaritsa (N 42-48, E 23-20), Obeliya (N 42-44, E 23-17), Filipovtsi (N 42-49, E 22-45), Ivanyane (N 42-43, E 23-10), and Dragoman (N 42-56, E 22-56).

Shortages of Materiel in Bulgaria

6. The shortage of fuel is so acute in Bulgaria that the use of private cars and even of motorcycles has been suspended. State factories have replaced some of their trucks with horse- and buffalo-drawn vehicles of which, in general, there is a sufficient number.
7. Medicines and chemical products, spare parts for machinery, equipment, and even small hand-tools (pliers, drills, etc.) are all in short supply.
8. As to the Army, the Soviets are delivering to them only such munitions as are absolutely necessary for training, such as bombs, cartridges, shells, and mines. The only stockpiles the Bulgarians have are those they acquired at the end of World War II. Rheinmetall mortar ammunition is the only type of munition which is not in shortage.

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